

## Comparison of Operating the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and Seamless Summer Option (SSO) for School Food Authorities in School Year 2021-22 through June 30, 2022

Pursuant to the [COVID-19 Child Nutrition Response Act \(H.R. 6201, Title II\)](#), and the exceptional circumstances of the COVID-19 public health emergency, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) has established nationwide waivers to support access to nutritious meals, while enforcing recommendations from public health experts with regard to social distancing measures. On April 20, 2021, the USDA released new child nutrition program waivers and flexibilities to support a successful school reopening in school year 2021-22. For a summary of the applicable waivers for the SBP/NSLP and SSO, refer to “Summary of USDA Waivers and Flexibilities for School Year 2021-22” on page 13. Sponsors must apply to the Connecticut State Department of Education (CSDE) to implement these waivers. For more information and additional guidance, contact the CSDE’s [school nutrition programs staff](#).

**Note:** This chart is for informational purposes only, and applies only to school year 2021-22. This chart is not inclusive of all USDA regulations and rules governing the NSLP and SSO, or the topics below. Information is subject to change.

**SFAs must apply to the CSDE to implement the SSO in SY 2021-22.**

Topic	NSLP, SBP, and Afterschool Snack Program (ASP)	SSO
<b>Eligible sponsors</b>	School food authorities (SFAs) with an Agreement with the CSDE.	SFAs currently administering the NSLP and/or SBP. *

\* SFAs must opt in to the applicable USDA waivers using the Connecticut Online Application and Claiming System for Child Nutrition Programs (CNP System). Refer to the chart, “Summary of USDA Waivers and Flexibilities for School Nutrition Programs” on page 13).

\*\* SFAs will be required to submit additional applications to implement this waiver. These applications will be provided by the CSDE.

## Comparison of Operating the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and Seamless Summer Option (SSO) for School Food Authorities in School Year 2021-22 through June 30, 2022

Topic	NSLP, SBP, and Afterschool Snack Program (ASP)	SSO
<b>Eligible sites</b>	<p>Schools: Public and private nonprofit schools of high school grade and under that are part of the State's education system.</p> <p>Residential child care institutions (RCCIs): Public and licensed, non-profit, and private.</p>	<p>Schools, RCCIs, and community sites.</p> <p>All sites are eligible to participate, regardless of percentage of students eligible for free or reduced-price school meals.</p> <p>Meals may be provided to all children (enrolled or not enrolled in the district) at open sites.</p>
<b>Types of meal service locations</b>	Schools and RCCIs.	<p>Schools, RCCIs, churches, community centers, public housing, libraries, parks, playgrounds, pools, and other public sites accessible to children.</p> <p>When possible, the CSDE encourages using school sites for operations in SY 2021-22 through June 30, 2022.</p>

\* SFAs must opt in to the applicable USDA waivers using the Connecticut Online Application and Claiming System for Child Nutrition Programs (CNP System). Refer to the chart, "Summary of USDA Waivers and Flexibilities for School Nutrition Programs" on page 13).

\*\* SFAs will be required to submit additional applications to implement this waiver. These applications will be provided by the CSDE.

## Comparison of Operating the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and Seamless Summer Option (SSO) for School Food Authorities in School Year 2021-22 through June 30, 2022

Topic	NSLP, SBP, and Afterschool Snack Program (ASP)	SSO
<b>Operational period</b>	<p>Instructional days when school is in session as established by the school district (first day of school to last day of school). This includes in-person learning, hybrid, or remote learning.</p> <p><b>Cannot</b> operate during school vacations, weekends, or holidays (i.e., any day school is not in session and, therefore, not considered an instructional day by the district).</p>	<p>Same. For SY 2021-22, SSO meals may be served only for instructional days.</p> <p>Weekend or holidays meals cannot be claimed under SSO during the school year.</p>
<b>Method of operation</b>	<p>Meals must be served at a point of service (the point at which a child has had the opportunity to select all of the components of a reimbursable meal). Meals may be served in the cafeteria, in classroom, or other onsite locations. Meals may also be served to children learning virtually via such as grab and go and pick-up options for take home meals (non-congregate meal service). *</p>	<p>Same. *</p>

\* SFAs must opt in to the applicable USDA waivers using the Connecticut Online Application and Claiming System for Child Nutrition Programs (CNP System). Refer to the chart, “Summary of USDA Waivers and Flexibilities for School Nutrition Programs” on page 13).

\*\* SFAs will be required to submit additional applications to implement this waiver. These applications will be provided by the CSDE.

## Comparison of Operating the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and Seamless Summer Option (SSO) for School Food Authorities in School Year 2021-22 through June 30, 2022

Topic	NSLP, SBP, and Afterschool Snack Program (ASP)	SSO
<b>Rates of reimbursement</b>	<a href="#">NSLP/SBP/ASP rates.</a>	SFSP combined reimbursement rate for rural/self-prep (\$4.3175 for lunch and \$2.4625 for breakfast).  <b>Note:</b> The SFSP rates will be updated in January 2022.
<b>Meal cost for children</b>	Non-CEP schools: Meal cost is based on individual student eligibility (free/reduced-price/paid).  CEP schools: All students receive reimbursable meals free of charge.	All children receive meals free of charge.

\* SFAs must opt in to the applicable USDA waivers using the Connecticut Online Application and Claiming System for Child Nutrition Programs (CNP System). Refer to the chart, “Summary of USDA Waivers and Flexibilities for School Nutrition Programs” on page 13).

\*\* SFAs will be required to submit additional applications to implement this waiver. These applications will be provided by the CSDE.

## Comparison of Operating the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and Seamless Summer Option (SSO) for School Food Authorities in School Year 2021-22 through June 30, 2022

Topic	NSLP, SBP, and Afterschool Snack Program (ASP)	SSO
<b>Additional Funding</b>	<p>Performance-based cash assistance: Certified districts are eligible for Performance-based cash assistance in the amount of 7 cents for each reimbursable lunch served.</p> <p>State Match funding: Eligible.</p> <p>Federal Severe Need funds: 2 cents additional rate for lunch and breakfast for qualified NSLP/SBP sponsors.</p>	<p>Performance-based cash assistance: Not eligible.</p> <p>State Match funding: Eligible.</p> <p>Federal Severe Need funds: Not eligible.</p>
<b>Age of participating students</b>	Students enrolled in a school with high school grades and under; including persons enrolled in a school program for people with a physical or mental disability; and persons under 21 enrolled in a RCCI.	Persons 18 years or younger and persons 19 or older with a physical or mental disability, as defined by the State.
<b>Type of meals</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Breakfast</li> <li>• Lunch</li> <li>• Afterschool snack</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Breakfast</li> <li>• Lunch</li> <li>• SSO Snack (AM or PM)</li> <li>• Supper</li> </ul>

\* SFAs must opt in to the applicable USDA waivers using the Connecticut Online Application and Claiming System for Child Nutrition Programs (CNP System). Refer to the chart, “Summary of USDA Waivers and Flexibilities for School Nutrition Programs” on page 13).

\*\* SFAs will be required to submit additional applications to implement this waiver. These applications will be provided by the CSDE.

## Comparison of Operating the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and Seamless Summer Option (SSO) for School Food Authorities in School Year 2021-22 through June 30, 2022

Topic	NSLP, SBP, and Afterschool Snack Program (ASP)	SSO
<b>Maximum number of meals that can be claimed per day per child</b>	<b>Three meals:</b> Breakfast, lunch, and afterschool snack.	Up to <b>two meals</b> , or one meal and one snack, per child, per day, in any combination except lunch and supper.  <b>Note:</b> Sponsors may apply to participate in the ASP.
<b>Meal service time requirements</b>	<p><b>Breakfast:</b> Must be served in the morning hours. *</p> <p><b>Lunch:</b> Must be offered between 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m., unless the SFA has been approved by the CSDE to implement the applicable waiver. *</p> <p><b>Snacks:</b> Snacks provided through the ASP must be served after the end of the school day, or for extended school days, at least one hour longer than the minimum number of school day hours with CSDE prior approval.</p>	<p><b>Breakfast:</b> Same. *</p> <p><b>Lunch:</b> Same. *</p> <p><b>Snacks:</b> Snacks provided through the SSO must be evenly and adequately spaced between other meal service times to minimize food waste and ensure good nutrition practices.</p>

\* SFAs must opt in to the applicable USDA waivers using the Connecticut Online Application and Claiming System for Child Nutrition Programs (CNP System). Refer to the chart, “Summary of USDA Waivers and Flexibilities for School Nutrition Programs” on page 13).

\*\* SFAs will be required to submit additional applications to implement this waiver. These applications will be provided by the CSDE.

## Comparison of Operating the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and Seamless Summer Option (SSO) for School Food Authorities in School Year 2021-22 through June 30, 2022

Topic	NSLP, SBP, and Afterschool Snack Program (ASP)	SSO
<b>Meal Patterns</b>	<p><b>NSLP and SBP:</b> <a href="#">Meal Patterns for Grades K-12 in School Nutrition Programs</a> (CSDE webpage).</p> <p><b>ASP:</b> <a href="#">Meal Patterns for the ASP</a> (CSDE webpage).</p> <p>USDA is allowing certain waivers for the meal pattern flexibilities. SFAs must apply to and be authorized by the CSDE to implement the applicable waiver. **</p>	Same.

\* SFAs must opt in to the applicable USDA waivers using the Connecticut Online Application and Claiming System for Child Nutrition Programs (CNP System). Refer to the chart, “Summary of USDA Waivers and Flexibilities for School Nutrition Programs” on page 13).

\*\* SFAs will be required to submit additional applications to implement this waiver. These applications will be provided by the CSDE.

## Comparison of Operating the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and Seamless Summer Option (SSO) for School Food Authorities in School Year 2021-22 through June 30, 2022

Topic	NSLP, SBP, and Afterschool Snack Program (ASP)	SSO
<b>USDA Foods</b>	.3975 cents per lunch.	Same.

- \* SFAs must opt in to the applicable USDA waivers using the Connecticut Online Application and Claiming System for Child Nutrition Programs (CNP System). Refer to the chart, “Summary of USDA Waivers and Flexibilities for School Nutrition Programs” on page 13).
- \*\* SFAs will be required to submit additional applications to implement this waiver. These applications will be provided by the CSDE.



## Comparison of Operating the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and Seamless Summer Option (SSO) for School Food Authorities in School Year 2021-22 through June 30, 2022

Topic	NSLP, SBP, and Afterschool Snack Program (ASP)	SSO
<b>Required monitoring by SFAs/sponsors</b>	<p><b>NSLP:</b> On-site * review of lunch counting and claiming system for all SFAs with more than one school site completed annually by February 1.</p> <p><b>SBP:</b> On-site * review of breakfast counting and claiming system for all SFAs with more than one school site. Must be completed annually by February 1 for 50 percent of sites operating the SBP. Each site operating the SBP must be reviewed once every two years.</p> <p><b>ASP:</b> Each ASP must be reviewed on-site * twice per year. The first review must be conducted within the first four weeks of operation. The second review must be conducted sometime during the remainder of the ASP operation.</p>	<p>Review of meal counting, claiming, and meal pattern and food safety compliance at least one on-site * during each site's operation.</p> <p>The CSDE recommends following the monitoring requirements for the NSLP, SBP, and ASP and also recommends reviewing the sites the first four weeks of operation.</p>
<b>Districts contracting with a food service management company (FSMC)</b>	No potential changes to the contract.	Review potential changes with sponsor's legal counsel for material change.

\* SFAs must opt in to the applicable USDA waivers using the Connecticut Online Application and Claiming System for Child Nutrition Programs (CNP System). Refer to the chart, "Summary of USDA Waivers and Flexibilities for School Nutrition Programs" on page 13).

\*\* SFAs will be required to submit additional applications to implement this waiver. These applications will be provided by the CSDE.

## Comparison of Operating the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and Seamless Summer Option (SSO) for School Food Authorities in School Year 2021-22 through June 30, 2022

Topic	NSLP, SBP, and Afterschool Snack Program (ASP)	SSO
<b>Offer versus serve (OVS)</b>	OVS is optional for Grades K-8; however, mandatory for Senior High Schools operating the National School Lunch Program. *	Same. *
<b>Public announcement</b>	Required to provide public notification regarding the availability of meals and the eligibility criteria at or near the beginning of the school year.	Same.  For SY 2021-22, the CSDE recommends that SSO districts also notify households that all meals will be offered free through the SSO.
<b>Processing free and reduced-priced meal applications and verification</b>	The processing of free and reduced-price meal applications is required as well as completion of the verification of newly approved applications on file as of October 1.	The processing of free and reduced-price meal applications is required as well as completion of the verification of newly approved applications on file as of October 1 for the purposes of eligibility for Pandemic Electronic Benefit Transfer (P-EBT) benefits.

\* SFAs must opt in to the applicable USDA waivers using the Connecticut Online Application and Claiming System for Child Nutrition Programs (CNP System). Refer to the chart, “Summary of USDA Waivers and Flexibilities for School Nutrition Programs” on page 13).

\*\* SFAs will be required to submit additional applications to implement this waiver. These applications will be provided by the CSDE.

## Comparison of Operating the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and Seamless Summer Option (SSO) for School Food Authorities in School Year 2021-22 through June 30, 2022

Topic	NSLP, SBP, and Afterschool Snack Program (ASP)	SSO
<b>Smart Snacks</b>	The <a href="#">USDA Smart Snacks</a> nutrition standards apply to all competitive foods sold on school campus during the school day in public schools, private schools, and RCCIs participating in the <a href="#">NSLP</a> and <a href="#">SBP</a> .	Same.
<b>Potable Water</b>	SFAs must make potable water available and accessible during the meal service if breakfast and lunch are served in the cafeteria.  Potable water is not required for meals served the classroom and non-congregate breakfast and lunch meal service.	Same.
<b>Special Dietary Accommodations</b>	The USDA's nondiscrimination regulations (7 CFR 15b) and regulations for school nutrition programs (7 CFR 210.10(m) and 7 CFR 220.8(m)) require that SFAs make reasonable modifications on a case-by-case basis for children whose disability restricts their diet, when a recognized medical authority certifies the need. For more information, refer to the CSDE's guide, <a href="#">Accommodating Special Diets in School Nutrition Programs</a> .	Same.

\* SFAs must opt in to the applicable USDA waivers using the Connecticut Online Application and Claiming System for Child Nutrition Programs (CNP System). Refer to the chart, "Summary of USDA Waivers and Flexibilities for School Nutrition Programs" on page 13).

\*\* SFAs will be required to submit additional applications to implement this waiver. These applications will be provided by the CSDE.

## Comparison of Operating the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and Seamless Summer Option (SSO) for School Food Authorities in School Year 2021-22 through June 30, 2022

Topic	NSLP, SBP, and Afterschool Snack Program (ASP)	SSO
<b>Food Safety</b>	Schools are required to obtain a minimum of two food safety inspections during the year. <a href="#">HACCP</a> plans must be updated annually and a copy must be located at each participating site. HACCP plans must be updated to include different types of meal service as applicable, e.g., in-classroom, field trips, cafeteria, grab and go, and home delivery.	Same.

\* SFAs must opt in to the applicable USDA waivers using the Connecticut Online Application and Claiming System for Child Nutrition Programs (CNP System). Refer to the chart, “Summary of USDA Waivers and Flexibilities for School Nutrition Programs” on page 13).

\*\* SFAs will be required to submit additional applications to implement this waiver. These applications will be provided by the CSDE.

## Comparison of Operating the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and Seamless Summer Option (SSO) for School Food Authorities in School Year 2021-22 through June 30, 2022

### Summary of USDA Waivers and Flexibilities for School Nutrition Programs

The chart below summarizes the USDA school nutrition nationwide waivers for SY 2021-22 that SFAs may opt in to effective July 1, 2021, with the CSDE's authorization. **Note:** The USDA expects sponsors to use these waivers **only for the duration and extent that they are needed**. The USDA encourages schools to return to standard meal service operations when it is safe to do so. Any changes to the implementation of the waivers must be updated in the SFAs online agreement, and reported to the appropriate [school nutrition county consultant](#).

USDA Waivers and Flexibilities for School Nutrition Programs		
Waiver	NSLP, SBP, and ASP	SSO of the NSLP
<b>Allow Seamless Summer Option</b>	Not applicable.	COVID-19: Child Nutrition Response #85 <a href="#">Nationwide Waiver to Allow the Seamless Summer Option through School Year 2021-2022</a>
<b>Allow Summer Food Service Program rates</b>	Not applicable.	COVID-19: Child Nutrition Response #86 <a href="#">Nationwide Waiver to Allow Summer Food Service Program Reimbursement Rates in School Year 2021-2022</a>

\* SFAs must opt in to the applicable USDA waivers using the Connecticut Online Application and Claiming System for Child Nutrition Programs (CNP System). Refer to the chart, "Summary of USDA Waivers and Flexibilities for School Nutrition Programs" on page 13).

\*\* SFAs will be required to submit additional applications to implement this waiver. These applications will be provided by the CSDE.

## Comparison of Operating the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and Seamless Summer Option (SSO) for School Food Authorities in School Year 2021-22 through June 30, 2022

USDA Waivers and Flexibilities for School Nutrition Programs		
Waiver	NSLP, SBP, and ASP	SSO of the NSLP
<b>Non-congregate meal service</b>	COVID-19: Child Nutrition Response #87 <a href="#">Nationwide Waiver to Allow Non-Congregate Meal Service for School Year 2021-2022</a>	COVID-19: Child Nutrition Response #87 <a href="#">Nationwide Waiver to Allow Non-Congregate Meal Service for School Year 2021-2022</a>
<b>Meal time requirements</b>	COVID-19: Child Nutrition Response #88 <a href="#">Nationwide Waiver of Meal Times Requirements for School Year 2021-2022</a>	COVID-19: Child Nutrition Response #88 <a href="#">Nationwide Waiver of Meal Times Requirements for School Year 2021-2022</a>
<b>Parent guardian pick up</b>	COVID-19: Child Nutrition Response #89 <a href="#">Nationwide Waiver to Allow Parents and Guardians to Pick Up Meals for Children for School Year 2021-2022</a>	COVID-19: Child Nutrition Response #89 <a href="#">Nationwide Waiver to Allow Parents and Guardians to Pick Up Meals for Children for School Year 2021-2022</a>

\* SFAs must opt in to the applicable USDA waivers using the Connecticut Online Application and Claiming System for Child Nutrition Programs (CNP System). Refer to the chart, “Summary of USDA Waivers and Flexibilities for School Nutrition Programs” on page 13).

\*\* SFAs will be required to submit additional applications to implement this waiver. These applications will be provided by the CSDE.

## Comparison of Operating the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and Seamless Summer Option (SSO) for School Food Authorities in School Year 2021-22 through June 30, 2022

USDA Waivers and Flexibilities for School Nutrition Programs		
Waiver	NSLP, SBP, and ASP	SSO of the NSLP
<b>Meal pattern flexibility</b>	COVID-19: Child Nutrition Response #90 <a href="#">Nationwide Waiver to Allow Specific School Meal Pattern Flexibility for School Year 2021-2022</a>	COVID-19: Child Nutrition Response #90 <a href="#">Nationwide Waiver to Allow Specific School Meal Pattern Flexibility for School Year 2021-2022</a>
<b>Offer versus serve</b>	COVID-19: Child Nutrition Response #92 <a href="#">Nationwide Waiver to Allow Offer Versus Serve Flexibility for Senior High Schools in School Year 2021-2022</a>	COVID-19: Child Nutrition Response #92 <a href="#">Nationwide Waiver to Allow Offer Versus Serve Flexibility for Senior High Schools in School Year 2021-2022</a>
<b>On-site monitoring</b>	COVID-19: Child Nutrition Response #94: <a href="#">Nationwide Waiver of Onsite Monitoring Requirements in the School Meal Programs – Revised – Extension 3</a>	COVID-19: Child Nutrition Response #94: <a href="#">Nationwide Waiver of Onsite Monitoring Requirements in the School Meal Programs – Revised – Extension 3</a>

\* SFAs must opt in to the applicable USDA waivers using the Connecticut Online Application and Claiming System for Child Nutrition Programs (CNP System). Refer to the chart, “Summary of USDA Waivers and Flexibilities for School Nutrition Programs” on page 13).

\*\* SFAs will be required to submit additional applications to implement this waiver. These applications will be provided by the CSDE.

## Comparison of Operating the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and Seamless Summer Option (SSO) for School Food Authorities in School Year 2021-22 through June 30, 2022

USDA Waivers and Flexibilities for School Nutrition Programs		
Waiver	NSLP, SBP, and ASP	SSO of the NSLP
<b>Afterschool snack</b>	COVID-19: Child Nutrition Response #93: <a href="#">Nationwide Waiver of Area Eligibility in the Afterschool Programs and for Family Day Care Home Providers in School Year 2021-2022</a>	COVID-19: Child Nutrition Response #93: <a href="#">Nationwide Waiver of Area Eligibility in the Afterschool Programs and for Family Day Care Home Providers in School Year 2021-2022</a>

\* SFAs must opt in to the applicable USDA waivers using the Connecticut Online Application and Claiming System for Child Nutrition Programs (CNP System). Refer to the chart, “Summary of USDA Waivers and Flexibilities for School Nutrition Programs” on page 13).

\*\* SFAs will be required to submit additional applications to implement this waiver. These applications will be provided by the CSDE.



# Comparison of Operating the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and Seamless Summer Option (SSO) for School Food Authorities in School Year 2021-22 through June 30, 2022



For more information, visit the CSDE's [Operation of Child Nutrition Programs during Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) Outbreaks](#) webpage or contact the [school nutrition programs staff](#) in the CSDE's Bureau of Health/Nutrition, Family Services and Adult Education, 450 Columbus Boulevard, Suite 504, Hartford, CT 06103-1841.

This document is available at [https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/SDE/Nutrition/COVID-19/Comparison\\_Chart\\_NSLP\\_SSO\\_through\\_June\\_2022.pdf](https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/SDE/Nutrition/COVID-19/Comparison_Chart_NSLP_SSO_through_June_2022.pdf).

In accordance with Federal civil rights law and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) civil rights regulations and policies, the USDA, its Agencies, offices, and employees, and institutions participating in or administering USDA programs are prohibited from discriminating based on race, color, national origin, sex, disability, age, or reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity in any program or activity conducted or funded by USDA.

Persons with disabilities who require alternative means of communication for program information (e.g. Braille, large print, audiotape, American Sign Language, etc.), should contact the Agency (State or local) where they applied for benefits. Individuals who are deaf, hard of hearing or have speech disabilities may contact USDA through the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339. Additionally, program information may be made available in languages other than English.

To file a program complaint of discrimination, complete the [USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form](#), (AD-3027) found online at: [How to File a Complaint](#), and at any USDA office, or write a letter addressed to USDA and provide in the letter all of the information requested in the form. To request a copy of the complaint form, call (866) 632-9992. Submit your completed form or letter to USDA by:

- (1) mail: U.S. Department of Agriculture  
Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights  
1400 Independence Avenue, SW  
Washington, D.C. 20250-9410;
- (2) fax: (202) 690-7442; or
- (3) email: [program.intake@usda.gov](mailto:program.intake@usda.gov).

This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

The Connecticut State Department of Education is committed to a policy of equal opportunity/affirmative action for all qualified persons. The Connecticut Department of Education does not discriminate in any employment practice, education program, or educational activity on the basis of age, ancestry, color, criminal record (in state employment and licensing), gender identity or expression, genetic information, intellectual disability, learning disability, marital status, mental disability (past or present), national origin, physical disability (including blindness), race, religious creed, retaliation for previously opposed discrimination or coercion, sex (pregnancy or sexual harassment), sexual orientation, veteran status or workplace hazards to reproductive systems, unless there is a bona fide occupational qualification excluding persons in any of the aforementioned protected classes.

Inquiries regarding the Connecticut State Department of Education's nondiscrimination policies should be directed to: Levy Gillespie, Equal Employment Opportunity Director/Americans with Disabilities Coordinator (ADA), Connecticut State Department of Education, 450 Columbus Boulevard, Suite 505, Hartford, CT 06103, 860-807-2071, [levy.gillespie@ct.gov](mailto:levy.gillespie@ct.gov).